

# U.S. POSTAL SERVICE BREAST CANCER RESEARCH AUTHORITY ACT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 239, S. 384.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 384) to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate, and any related statements be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 384) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 384

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF POSTAGE STAMP FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH.

Section 414(h) of title 39, United States Code, is amended by striking "2011" and inserting "2015".

## COMMEMORATING THE 84TH BIRTHDAY OF HIS MAJESTY KING BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 343.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 343) commemorating the 84th birthday of his Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej on December 5, 2011.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, that there be no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 343) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 343

Whereas on June 9, 1946, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej ascended to the throne and celebrated his 65th year as King of Thailand earlier this year;

Whereas King Bhumibol is the world's longest-serving monarch;

Whereas King Bhumibol has enjoyed a special relationship with the United States, having been born in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1927, while his father was completing his studies in the United States;

Whereas on March 20, 1833, the United States and Thailand (then known as Siam) signed the Treaty of Amity and Commerce, making the Kingdom of Thailand the first treaty ally of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region;

Whereas bilateral trade between Thailand and the United States grew by 38 percent between 2002 and 2010;

Whereas the United States and Thailand have remained strong security allies for 57 years, as memorialized in the Manila Pact in 1954, and later expanded under the Thanat-Rusk Communique of 1962;

Whereas President Bush designated Thailand as a major Non-NATO Ally on December 30, 2003;

Whereas Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, while in Bangkok on November 16, 2011, stated "Our nations are connected through not only security cooperation and business ties, but the democratic values we share and the bonds of family and friendship that link our people";

Whereas the Fulbright Program, which was established between Thailand and the United States in 1950, and other exchanges, provide graduate, undergraduate, and high school students from each country the opportunity to study in the other country;

Whereas collaboration between Thailand and the United States has resulted in significant public health achievements;

Whereas in response to the worst flooding in Thailand's history—

(1) the United States Government—  
(A) has provided humanitarian assistance and disaster relief;

(B) is working to help improve Thailand's capacity to prepare and respond to such disasters in the future; and

(C) has declared the United States will support Thailand's long-term recovery; and

(2) United States citizens and the private sector have donated to reconstruction efforts; and

Whereas more than 150,000 people of Thai descent live in the United States.

Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) sends warm wishes to the people of Thailand as they celebrate the 84th birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej on December 5, 2011, and commemorate his 65-year reign as King of Thailand;

(2) celebrates the alliance and friendship between Thailand and the United States that reflects common interests, a 178-year diplomatic history, and, most importantly, shared values, including democracy, good governance, and the rule of law; and

(3) expresses its deepest sympathies for the recent historic floods in Thailand, and supports continuing efforts to provide civilian and military assistance to save lives, restore health, and facilitate Thailand's economic recovery.

## MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1944

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I am told that S. 1944, introduced earlier today by Senator CASEY, is due for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1944) to create jobs by providing payroll tax relief for middle class families and businesses, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now ask for the second reading but object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be read for a second time on the next legislative day.

## ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 6, 2011; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business until 11 a.m. with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the final half; that following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session under the previous order; finally, that the Senate recess from 12:30 until 2:15 p.m. to allow for our weekly caucus meetings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, about noon tomorrow there will be a cloture vote on the nomination of Caitlin Halligan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia.

## ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:13 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at 10 a.m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

### JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION

PAULINE R. MAIER, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 17, 2017, VICE J. C. A. STAGG, TERM EXPIRED.

### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JONATHAN DON FARRAR, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

JOSEPH E. MACMANUS, OF NEW YORK, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE